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RECORD OF EVENTS

IN

EXETER 1861.

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A

BRIEF RECORD
OF
EVENTS IN EXETER, N. H.
DURING THE YEAR
1861,
TOGETHER WITH THE NAMES OF THE
SOLDIERS
OF THIS TOWN IN THE
W A R.

BY REV. ELIAS NASON.

Omnes eodem cogimur.—HOR.

EXETER:
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ADVERTISEMENT.

As the year 1861 will be ever memorable on account of the most stupendous and wicked rebellion the world has ever known; and as every correct history of the country must derive its sources in a measure from the current events of the individual towns which go to make up the country, I have thought proper to select from my Daily Journal a few brief memoranda relating to Exeter, and to embody them; together with the names of our gallant soldiers; in this little brochure which I take the liberty to present as a New Year's Offering to our patriotic and worthy citizens.

[N. B. Meteorological observations were taken for the Smithsonian Institute at 7 A. M. and at 2 and 9 P. M. Only the maximum and minimum of the Barometer and Thermometer for each month are given.]

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THE town of Exeter was settled by the Rev. John Wheelwright and others in 1638, and now contains 3269 inhabitants. Lat. 42.58 N. long. 70.55 W., time W. 4 h. 43 m. 40 s. distance from Washington 474 miles.

JANUARY, 1861.

1. Cloudy morning; but the sun soon shows itself and "Happy new year!" is ringing from every lip.
3. Severe snow storm during the day.—4. National fast.
4. Mr. H. P. Flower and A. M. Bryant married.
5. Mr. Moses H. Stickney and Miss Harriet N. Barker married. Also Mr. John Codman and Miss Nancy White.
8. S. J. Court in session. Severe snow storm. Trees beautifully tinged with golden hues at sunset.
9. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann, wife of Thos. E. Fifield dies, aged 44 1-3 years.
10. High winds last night.—11. Fair, but very cold.
12. Mr. Eugene Thurston and Lydia E. Jones married.
13. Ther.—17. at 7 A. M. and very cold through the day.
14. Mr. Reuben Swain dies aged 73.
15. Mrs. Sally Marden dies, aged 89. Dr. George W. Dearborn's store robbed of watches, jewelry, &c., to the amount of \$115.
19. Bar. 30.80 at 7 A. M. Ther. 34. at 2. P. M.
21. Trees overladen with snow and ice. Scenery beautiful. Rev. Mr. Taylor lectures on London.
23. Mr. Alvan White, powder manufacturer, dies, aged 59.
28. The celebrated Farmer will case now before the court.
29. Benj. M. Colby, Esq. and Miss Elizabeth D. Robinson married.

FEBRUARY—

1. Opens beautifully; cloudy in P. M.; snows at night.
3. Mr. Joseph Janvrin and Mrs. Anna B. Davenport married.
4. Bar. 30.80 at 7 A. M.

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7. Bar. 29.10 at 2 P. M. A sudden snow tempest about 3 P. M. Sun sets clear.
8. Ther.—24. at 7 A. M. Wind W. and sky clear. Average temperature of the day—17 1-3.
11. Ther. 54. at 2 P. M.—13. Beautifully clear morning.
15. Rain all day, with thunder and lightning about 6 P. M.
16. Weather clear and beautiful.
17. Lucian B. Robie dies, aged 57 1-2 years.
18. Students in the Academy contribute nearly \$70 in aid of sufferers by famine in Kansas.
19. Bar. 30.80 at 7 A. M.—20. Snow and rain.
21. Trees covered with snow and ice; W. S. Abbott, Esq. delivers a lecture on "Education" at the Town Hall. Barn of Mr. J. J. Wiggin, destroyed by fire about 11 P. M.
22. Mr. Samuel Hatch, of Cass street, dies aged 86. A large and beautiful paraselene at 9 P. M.
23. Mrs. Mary Hatch, wife of the preceding, dies, aged 83 years 11 months. They had lived together 64 years.
25. Trees sparkling with crystals.
27. Beautiful Aurora Borealis at 7 P. M. House of Col. Robert Means much injured by fire.

MARCH—

1. Rains.
2. High School examined and appears well. The bluebird [*amphelis sialis*] is heard. Mrs. Abby P. Porter dies, aged 43. Infant daughter of J. Atherton dies aged 2 yrs.
3. Ther. 63. at 2 P. M. Mr. G. C. Tuttle and S. Cutts m.
4. Bells rung and National salute fired for the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States.
5. Magnificent golden clouds at sunset. Francis O. French, Esq. and Miss Ellen Tuck married.
6. Mrs. Miriam D. James dies suddenly aged 40.
8. Ther. 1. at 7 A. M. Bar. 30.50 at 7 P. M. Wind N. W. Clear. Leverett Saltonstall, lectures in the Town Hall on the Questions of the day.—10. Bar, 29.20 at 7 P. M.
12. Annual Election. W. B. Morrill, Esq., Mod'r. Nath'l Shute, Joseph D. Wadleigh and Josiah J. Folsom chosen Selectmen. William H. Belknap, Town Clerk. 397 votes are cast for Berry and 182 for Stark. J. Conner, Moses N. Collins & C. Burley are elected Representatives.
16. Snow about 9 inches deep and much drifted. P. M. fair.
19. Annual examination of Phillips E. Academy which appears to be in a very prosperous condition.
21. Violent snow storm in the afternoon and through the night.
23. Bass (*labrax lineatus*) taken from the river in large quantities.—24. Pleasant.
26. Robins and bluebirds singing freely.

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27. A bass weighing 27 lbs. is taken from the river. Rockingham Co. Bible Society, formed. Gov. I. Goodwin Pres't.
28. A splendid sunrise. Find a dandelion (*leontodon taraxacum*) in blossom on the margin of the river below the falls. An elegant Bible is presented to the "Star of the East" Lodge of Masons. Wm. B. Morrill, Esq. is appointed Post Master vice Daniel Melcher, Esq. Mr. Jas. Roach and Ann Hughes m.

APRIL—

1. Bar. 30.51 at 7 A. M. A flock of wild geese flies southward. Cloudy.—2. Furious snow storm all day.
3. Ther. 18. at 9 P. M.
4. James Dwight Nason dies, aged 20 years 5 months.
7. Mrs. Ruth Purinton dies, aged 70.
8. Schools in District No. 1 commence their session. The "Dido" arrives. A boy named McNamara is severely injured by the elevator in the factory.
9. S. J. Court sits, Judge Bellows presiding.
10. Mr. Richard Dow dies, aged 77. The blackbird (*T. merula*) appears. Mr. M. S. Holmes and C. Kimball m.
11. Fast day. Services in the churches. Splendid Aurora Borealis at 9 1-2 P. M.
12. Earth worms make their appearance.
13. Mr. E. O. Randall and C. Kelly m.
15. The elm is in blossom and frogs are heard.
16. Rain and snow.
17. Bar. 29.09 at 2 P. M. Wind W. stormy weather.
18. The Trailing Arbutus (*Epigæa repens*) appears in bloom.
19. Great excitement in town in reference to the attack on Fort Sumter. Mr. P. Broderick and C. Curtin m.
20. Academy students hoist a flag and fire 32 guns. "DUCIT AMOR PATRIAE."
22. A grand mass meeting, in respect to the war, at the Town Hall, Hon. C. H. Bell, presiding. Many Patriotic speeches made and money pledged for the support of soldiers.
23. Infant child of N. Swasey, Jr. dies. Ther. 66. at 2 P. M.
24. The Granite State Bank tender a loan of \$20,000 to the State of N. H. for military purposes. Rockingham Co. Agr'l Soc. decide not to hold a Fair the ensuing autumn. Ladies of Exeter meet at Town Hall to make clothing for the soldiers. They form a Society and choose Mrs. E. S. Cobbs president. Rev. Mr. Lanphear repeats his sermon on the war at the Town Hall.
26. Jefferson Davis hung in effigy. *Houstonia cerulea* in bloom.
28. Mr. E. J. Conner catches in his wier two fine shad, the first of the season. Rain storm.

MAY, 1861.

1. Fair May Day.—A few flowers in bloom.
3. Mr. John H. Thing ploughs up a silver lever watch in good state of preservation after a burial of 9 years.
4. Ther. 29. at 9 P. M.
5. James E. C. Sawyer of the Academy departs for the war.
9. Swallows appear. Voted in a legal Town Meeting to raise a sum not over \$5,000 for the benefit of soldiers and their families. Mr. Loring Newton and Miss Almeda Kimball married.
10. Mrs. Almira B. Prescott dies, aged 38. A beautiful parhelion at 5 P. M.
12. Fifty men or so are now drilling under Chas. H. Bell, Esq.
13. Citizens meet to form a "Home Guard," and choose Gen'l Andrew Chase as drill officer. Mr. James Folsom dies, aged 75 yrs. 5 1-2 mos.
15. Currants and strawberries in bloom. The 2d Maine Regt. passes through town. A large company assemble at the depot and a salute is fired.
16. The bobolink (*D. orizyvorus*) is heard. The Exeter Cornet Band give an excellent Concert at the Town Hall.
18. Mr. John M. Mallon, volunteer, and Miss Mary J. Smith married.
19. Minnie M. Fifield dies, aged 3 yrs. 7 mos. Rev. Mr. Nelson preaches a sermon to the Volunteers on Psalm 20 : 5.
21. Mr. Samuel Caban dies suddenly, aged 61 yrs. 4 mos. The whippoor-will (*C. vociferus*) is heard.
23. Bar. 30.30 at 9 P. M.
25. Ladies present many articles of clothing to our volunteers, who leave for Portsmouth, attended by the Band, to join 2d N. H. Regt.—27. Bar. 29.20 at 2 P. M. Rain storm.
28. Appletree in bloom. Plum and cherry trees do not blossom at all.
30. Mr. Dennis Cokely's house and barn burned. Insured \$350. It rained fourteen times in May.

JUNE—

1. Beautiful morning; and very warm day. Com. J. C. Long raises a splendid flag.
2. Bar. 30.27 at 9 P. M., and wind E. Cloudy. Rev. Charles Newhall becomes Pastor of the Elm St. Church. Mr. George G. Taylor dies, aged 22.
3. Hon. Gilman Marston enters on his duties as Col. of the 2d N. H. Regiment.
6. Ther. 50. at 7 A. M. Rain storm. Frank E. Bachelder dies, aged 6 years.
7. Maine 3d Regt passes through town and receives a collation from our citizens. The Academy Cadets drill under command of Mr. Dubois and make a fine appearance.

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10. Citizens present a sword and other equipments to Col. G. Marston.
11. Rockingham Co. Conf. of churches meet here. Willie Senior dies, aged 8 yrs. The R. Co. Temp. Soc. meets. Exeter Cornet Band serenade the citizens in the evening. A new Catalogue of the Town Library is published. No. of Vols. about 3000.
13. Albert Andrews dies, aged 46. Beautiful Aurora Borealis at 9 P. M.
14. Members of H. School present Bible, pistol, etc. to Charles F. Smith, leaving for the war. Equipments are also presented to Lieut. W. H. Smith.
17. U. S. Dist. Court sits, Judge Harvey presiding.
18. S. J. Court sits. Justice S. D. Bell presiding. Lieut. Wm. H. Smith and Miss Susie Littlefield married.
20. Mr. Joel Lane dies, aged 69 yrs. 10 mos. Many citizens visit Boston to witness the departure of the 2d N. H. Regt.
21. Mr. G. H. Rundlett and Mrs. E. A. Robinson married.
22. A gold watch and clothes are stolen from Messrs. Carpenter & Irons while bathing. Mr. Nason delivers a lecture on "National Music," at the Town Hall, the band attending and performing our national airs.
23. A storehouse of the Exeter Man'g Co. burned at 10 P. M.
25. Morris Bros., Pell & Trowbridge give a concert at T. Hall.
26. A Maine Regt. receives a collation from our citizens at the depot. Mr. Theophilus Smith dies aged 80. Luella, infant child of Mr. J. Weeks, dies. Bar. 29.20 at 2 P. M. Wind S. West.
27. Steamboat "Clipper" arrives.
29. Mr. Alfred C. Smith, printer, dies, aged 24. Schools in Districts 1 and 2 close.

JULY—

1. A very brilliant comet seen at 9 P. M., tail about 90 deg. long. Fair weather from June 8th to July 2d.
2. Ther. 57 at 7 P. M. A refreshing rain falls. Mr. J. M. Head's child buried. Miss C. A. Jacobs gives readings in poetry, &c.
3. Strawberries are plentiful; but no plums or cherries here, or elsewhere in the vicinity.
4. Fair and warm. Gunpowder freely expended. Sab. School of the 1st Cong. Soc'y celebrate the day with speeches, music, &c., in the grove near the depot. The Elm St. Baptist Soc. also have a pleasant picnic by the river.
7. Elder Edwin Burnham preaches at the Town Hall. Comet very brilliant in Ursa Major.
8. Ther. 92 at 2 P. M. Fair. Wind West.

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9. Examination of the Academy and some thirty students leave for college. Sudden thunder gust at 5 P. M.
10. Probate Court sits. The pupils of Miss Bell's School contribute \$14. to the Ladies' Aid Soc. Beach parties numerous. Mr. Timothy Wentworth and Miss Adelia A. Sibley married.
11. Comet moving south. *Pyrola uniflora* (rare) in bloom. beautiful thunder clouds at sunset—rays extending 50deg. in all directions.
12. Miss Hannah Colcord dies, aged 84. Infant child of Mr. Geo. Ellison dies, 6 mos. old.
14. Bar. 30.15 at 7 A. M. Cloudy and rain. Mr. Wm. G. Cate and Miss Data J. Lang married.
18. Business is remarkably dull. Carriage and cotton manufacturing have nearly ceased.
20. Bar. 29.60 at 2 P. M. Wind S. W. Mrs. Mary York dies, aged 73 yrs. Showers in P. M. Mr. John E. Wilbur opens a recruiting office at the Town Hall. Schooner "Northern Warrior," Capt. Kent arrives.
21. Fair. Col. G. Marston wounded in the right arm at the battle of "Bull Run." Wm. H. Morrill also wounded in the hand. F. L. Tebbetts taken prisoner.
22. Great excitement on account of the recent battle in which a number of our soldiers were engaged. A clear day—most of the ministers and teachers absent.
27. Remarkably beautiful and quiet day. General topic of conversation—WAR!
- 27, Rains in A. M. Thunder and lightning at night.
30. A daughter of Mr. Rock dies aged 8 years. The old board of officers of the E. Manuf'g Co. re-elected.

AUGUST—

1. Party of 16 Exeter boys encamp at Hampton Beach. The "army worm" in great numbers appears suddenly in Mr. Gilman's field. Very little secession sentiment in Exeter.
3. Ther. 86. at 2. P. M. Fair and wind west.
4. Ella Adams dies suddenly, aged 14.
5. A great war meeting at the Town Hall. An account of the battle of "Bull Run" given.
7. Town vote to pay a sum not exceeding \$15 per week to the families of soldiers enlisted.
8. Mrs. Margaret Mason dies, aged 46. Capt. Wilbur's Company leave for Concord, to join N. H. 3d Regt. A Gas company organized and stock taken.
9. Mr. Jesse Robinson dies, aged 72 yrs. 5 mos.
10. Bar. 29.70 at 9 P. M. Showery. Blue berries abundant—8 cts. per qt.

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12. Ther. 53. at 9 P. M. Fair. Schools in District No. 1, commence.
13. Heavy rain all day.
14. Ditto. R. Mu. Fire Ins. Co. meet and choose Directors.
15. Col. G. Marston, suffering from his wound, returns to town. Great fears for the safety of Washington.
18. Elder Burnham preaches in T. Hall. Beautiful Cirrus clouds in the P. M. Mr. Chas. H. Folsom and Miss Mary A. Sutton married.
19. Schools Dist. No. 1 & 2, commence.
21. The lads of the High School and their teachers visit Hampton Beach. Bar. 30.35 at 7 P. M. Fair. Mr. Gilman Barker has 15 sheep killed by a dog about this time.
22. Messrs. Conners' Fish and Meat market entered by burglars. Mr. Benj. Swain appointed Police officer, vice, J. A. Fogg. Mr. R. Carter is recruit'g for the 4th Regt.
23. Maine 7th Reg. passes through town for the seat of war in fifteen passenger cars. Soldiers of Co. D return from Concord on a furlough.
24. The "army worm" disappears. Mr. T. Moses in his 95th year visits the town.
26. Rev. N. Hooper is called to the 1st Baptist church.
27. Miss Ellen Fellowes dies, aged 19 1-2 years. A boy 4 or 5 yrs. old, has his arm broken by the cars. Patrick Gilroy takes a turtle near the Ox-bow, weighing 26 lbs ; 13 inches long. Rev. Dr. Hitchcock visits this town.
30. Southern corn is selling at \$1 25 per bag.
31. Fair; and so the weather has been since the 22d. *L. cardinalis*, Indian pipe (*monotropa*) etc. in bloom.

SEPTEMBER—

1. Mr. J. B. Wadleigh, late conductor on the B. & M. R. R. dies, aged 47 1-2 yrs. Mr. John Marsh and wife are burned to death.
3. B. W. Cram and James Jack escape from jail. The former is retaken. N. K. Leavitt, Esq., is appointed Jail-keeper, vice John S. Brown, Esq., resigned.
9. There are now 110 Students at the Academy.
7. Armenia C. Stacy dies, aged 12 1-3 yrs. Charming day.
11. A refreshing rain occurs after a long drouth. Mr. Peter Leighton digs up a thimble in the rear of "Squamscott House," marked 1772.
13. Lovely moonlight evening. Many social parties in town at this season.—15. Ther. 79 1-2. at 2 P. M. Fair.
18. Miss Abigail Parks dies, aged 73.
20. John E. Lyford dies aged 10 mos. Fruit of every kind very scarce. Corn and potato harvest abundant.

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22. Sch'r "Caroline" arrives with gaspipe from Philadelphia. Coal is selling at \$6.50 per ton. Rainy day.
23. Mr. Lewis Mitchell dies suddenly, aged about 60. Ladies meet for supplying clothing to the soldiers.
24. Wm. N. Tilton dies aged 48. N. Swasey, Jr. dies, aged 30 yrs 5 mos. Maine 9th Reg. Col. Rich, passes through town.
25. Ther. 47. at 7 P. M. Fair.
26. Edward Bachelder wounded in the arm by premature discharge of a gun. National Fast. Well observed, most of the stores closed and service in the churches. Mr. J. Swasey badly kicked in the face by a horse.
28. Bar. 29.51 at 7 A.M. Fair Wind west. Mrs. Hannah P. Fogg dies aged 75. Mr. Edward C. Towle and Mary J. Vandusee married at or near this date.
29. The churches take up a contribution for the hospitals at Washington; in all about \$90. Capt. Edw. Ludington is recruiting at the Squamscott House for U. S. A.
30. Bar. 30.50 at 2. P. M. Fair. Mr. D. W. Downes begins a Singing School. Mr. N. Loud's house entered by burglars. Ladies of Hampton send \$3.65 to Exeter ladies for the soldiers.

OCTOBER—

1. Horace E. Pitman dies, aged 2 years 22 days. A pleasant tea party at the Town Hall, for benefit of the hospitals at Washington. About \$210 realized.
2. Ther. 69. at 2 P. M. Fair.
3. N. A. Shute, Esq. and Miss Ellen M. Holbrook married.
4. A circus in town. Not largely patronized.
5. Rainy day. Col. Marston leaves for Washington.
6. Mr. Jeremiah Sanborn dies, aged 71.
8. U. S. D. Court sits, Judge Harvey presiding.
9. Beautiful P. M. Yarrow, St. Johnswort, (*H. perforatum*) red clover, etc. still in bloom.
10. Leaves of the maple beautifully tinted—some of a pale golden hue with rich crimson edges; why?—11. Rain storm.
14. Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Blake dies, aged 26 yrs. 9 mos. Ripe raspberries and strawberries gathered from Mr. N. Week's garden. The Gas Co. are laying down pipes for the gas; about fifty men employed.
17. Ladies send a large box of articles, blankets, bandages, books, etc., etc., to the Hospital at Washington.
18. An alarm of fire at night from an old house below the factory. Mr. D. W. Stevens holds a cattle market near Mr. Mc. Duffie's.
19. Rain. The Peake Family Bell Ringers give a Concert at Town Hall.

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21. The first frost of the season occurred last night. Battle at Ball's Bluff. Valentine A. Pickering killed.
22. Heavy frost last night.
24. Dr. E. P. Cummings appointed assistant Surgeon in the Navy. Lieut. O. M. Head and Capt. H. H. Pearson are raising recruits.
25. Bar. 30.59 at 7 A. M., fair. Schooner "Thomas Page" is taking in 200 cords of wood for Philadelphia.
25. N. A. Shute, Esq., is appointed agent to receive subscriptions to the National Loan. Ther. 21. at 7 A. M. Ice made nearly an inch in thickness last night.
29. Mr. Geo. H. Reynolds and Miss Ann A. Anderson married.
30. Bar. 29.45 at 9 P. M., pleasant. Ladies have sent 25 India rubber blankets etc. to our soldiers of the 2d Regiment.

NOVEMBER—

1. Bar. 30.35 at 9 P. M. Fair.
3. Severe S. E. snow storm last night and to day. Highest tide in the river since 1816. Great anxiety in respect to the Naval Expedition. N. H. 3d and 4th Regt. in it.
4. Sun rises in a cloudless sky; air soft and balmy—"O Nature! how in every charm supreme!"
5. Master Walter Dearborn buried. Ther. 56. at 2 P. M.
6. A large flock of robins observed. Probate Court in session—Judge Stickney presiding.
7. Naval action and Union victory at Port Royal witnessed by many of our soldiers on board the "Atlantic."
9. Stormy.
10. Three females baptized in the river just above the "Great Bridge." Sunset extremely fine. Aster and golden rod still in bloom.
12. Miss Emily F. Greenleaf dies, aged 19 yrs. 7 mos. 14 days. Mrs. Mary Kennedy dies, aged about 88. Mary Ellen Quin dies, aged 18 yrs. The Hutchinson Family give a concert at the T. Hall. Mr. Sam'l Palmer raises a parsnip 25 inches in cir. and weighing 3 lbs. 10 oz. High winds. Walnuts plentiful.
13. Rev. N. Hooper is settled over the 1st Baptist Church.
14. Bright and beautiful morning. Ladies—each with a billet of wood for fuel—meet at Concert Hall to knit and sew for the soldiers. One of them has knit 12 prs. stockings for them with her own hands. Mr. Geo. F. Richmond and Miss Narcissa D. Nelson, married; also Mr. Joel A. Leighton and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Broughton.
15. A few flakes of snow, first of the season, fall in A. M.
16. Schools in Dist. No. 1, close. Calvin L. Dearborn of Co. L, N. H. 2d Regt. dies of typhoid fever at Washington.

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17. Ther. 22 at 7 A. M. Fair. Anniversary of the Mission S. School. Addresses by Messrs. Nason and Lanphear.
19. Quarterly examination of Phillips Academy. Seventy students have not been tardy during the term. J. L. Sibley, Esq., gives the Academy \$100 in addition to the "Sibley Fund," for purchasing books for indigent students. Mrs Judith W. Colcord dies, aged 76.
22. Capt. H. H. Pearson's company leave to join the 6th Regt., Col. Mack, at Keene.
23. Cold and misty morning. Rain.
24. Bar. 29. 40 at 7 P. M. Pleasant. Mr. Geo. W. Stevens and Rosa A. Sargent, married about this time.
25. Snow falls to the depth of four or five inches, and merry sleigh bells announce the advent of the winter season.
27. Poultry selling at 12 to 14 cts.—supply abundant.
28. ANNUAL THANKSGIVING. Fair and quite dry. Churches open and well filled. Co. B, 3d Regt., mostly from Exeter, dine on turkies and sweet potatoes at Hilton Head, S. C.
29. Dull and drizzling day. Our citizens generally disposed to sustain the policy of the President. Mr. Jno. Leavitt, Jr., and Irene S. Dolloff married about this time.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1. Cloudy morning and rain in P. M.

2. Opens fair and cold. Seating now enlivens the day.
3. Miss Dolly Rundlett dies, aged about 82.
5. Sam'l Greenleaf dies, aged 11 yrs.
6. Snow. Miss Marry E. Tilton dies, aged 37. Sword presented to Capt. H. H. Pearson. Bar. 30.65. 2 P. M.
8. Ther. 55 at 2 P. M. Clear—wind west.
9. Fine day. Robert A. Cross buried from the 1st Cong. Church, aged about 40. Schools in Dist. No. 1. commence.
10. Warm for the season.
12. Fair. Ladies continue busily at work for the soldiers; they have recently sent to N. H. 2d Reg't, 120 prs. socks, 30 prs. mittens, 12 prs. wristers, etc. etc.—also one box by Dr. Howe to Missouri, containing 50 prs. socks, etc. They have, moreover, made 175 prs. shirts and drawers for Concord.
15. Warm. Maple buds are nearly bursting and a dandelion is found in bloom.
16. Col. Marston is dangerously wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a boy of Lt. Col. Fiske.
17. Charming day.
20. Michael Murphy and Mary Brodrick married near this date. Many trophies, caps, fans, cotton, etc. received from our soldiers at Hilton Head.

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21. Very cold day. The gas works are completed and the town lighted.
23. Bar. 20.02 at 9 P. M. A blustering snow storm—wind N. E.
24. Ladies send a large box containing 9 quilts, 3 blankets, 44 new and many old pillow cases, shirts, bandages, etc. etc, to the "Sanitary Commission" at Washington. Ladies of the 2d Parish held a Levee at the Town Hall. Trees covered with crystals. Funeral of Calvin L. Dearborn, brought from Washington, at the lower church.
25. CHRISTMAS. Santa Clans, well filled stockings and Christmas Trees present their annual store of "good things" to the children. Mr. Joseph T. Porter and Miss Ann M. Wiggin, married. The Unitarian S. School have a very pleasant meeting at the house of Chas. Burley, Esq.
29. Ther. 8. at 7 A. M.—clear and cold—fine sleighing. Mrs. Eliza Barlow, dies, aged 35. Our soldiers from the 8th Regt. at home on furlough. The material of their clothing is wretched stuff indeed! Whose fault?
27. Dull, rainy morning—Fair in P. M., wind high through the night. One family has knit 20 pairs of stockings for the soldiers.
28. A tempestuous morning. About 100 students now at the Academy and 63 at the H. School.
29. Mr. John P. Leavitt dies, aged 64. Rev. Mr. Bird gives an interesting lecture on Syria.
30. Mrs. Martha Smith dies, aged 69.
21. Sun rises in a cloudless sky—partially eclipsed. At 5 min. past 9 the obscuration passes away and the day continues and closes mild and beautiful.

So terminates the fleeting and eventful year! Year of treason; year of lofty patriotism; year of battle, agony, death; of progress, liberty; year of tearful sowing for a golden harvest; year of God's great mercy.

"Eheu! fugaces, Posthume, Posthume, Labuntur anni;" sadly moans the Venusian bard; but under clearer light shall we not with a hero of his day, exclaim, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Names of Exeter Soldiers Enlisted in 1861.

Abbott, Sewell A. 8th Regt. Co. B.	Clough, Tho. H. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Bennett, Chas. 8th Reg. Me.	Clough, Ezekiel " " "
Bennett, Edw'd T. 6th Regt. Co. C.	Corcoran, Frank " " "
Bennett, Jno. II. 2d Regt. Co. E.	Cummings, Dr. E. P. Ass't Surg. "Roebuck."
Berry, Woolbury 3d " Co. B.	Currier, Andrew J. 2d Regt. Co. E.
Bowley, Albert 6th " " C.	Curtis, A. O. 13th Regt. Mass.
Bowley, Benj. F. " " "	Davis, A. J. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Brigham, Asa P. 11th " Mass Musician.	Dearborn, Calvin L. 2d Reg. Co. E. died, Nov. 13.
Brigham, Geo. H. " " "	Dearborn, A. 3d Regt. Co. B.
Brigham, Bruce " " "	Dearborn, W. 3d " "
Brigham, Ephraim " " "	Dearborn, J. S. Cook's battery Mass.
Brown, Geo. 14th Regt. Mass.	Dodge, J. E. 22d Regt. Co. B, Mass. Hall's Hill, Va.
Bryant, Jno. S. Corp. 3d Regt. Co. B.	Donnavan, Cornelius 3d Regt. Co. B, Mass.
Caban, Sam'l 3d Regt. Co. B.	Donnavan, J. 8th Regt. Co. B.
Carlisle, James " " "	Doody, J. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Carver, E. " " "	Doody, W. " " "
Carter, Gideon Jr. " " "	Dudley, S. G. 3d " " B.
Chase, James 2d Regt. Co. E.	Dudley, D. W. " " B.
Clark, Geo. W. Serg't 14th Regt. Mass. Co. E.	Durgin, D. W. Corp. 8th Regt. Co. B.
Clark, Wm. A. Corp. 12th Regt. Mass.	Dyer, J. Jr, 8th Regt. Co. B.
Clement, J. W. 3d Regt. Co. B.	Dewhurst, G. W.—Act. mas- ter, Navy.
Coakley, Timothy 8th Regt. Co. B.	Elkins, J. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Colcord, Wm. H. 2d " Co. E.	Elliott, Dan'l W. 3d Regt. Co.
Colcord, Chas. E. " " " discharged.	Ellison, Horace. Mass. dis.
Conner, Freeman Capt. 44th Regt. Co. D, N. Y.	Farnham, Jno.
Conner, Edw'd J. Capt. 17th Regt. U. S. A.	Finn, Jno. 3d Regt. Co. B.
Colbath, Warren 3d Regt. Co. B.	Floyd, C. W. 2d Regt. Co. E.
Cobbs, Geo. S. Serg't 8th " " B.	Floyd, Sam'l " "
Clough, Geo. 3d Regt. Co. B.	Fogg, Andrew J. 2d Lt. 3d Regt. Co. B.
	Folsom, 'C. E. 17 Regt. Mass.
	Greenleaf, Matthew A. Ord'ly Serg., 3d Regt. Co. B.

- Giddings, Geo. H. Corp. 3d Regt. Co. B.
 Gill, Isaiah W. Acting master, Navy.
 Goodwin, Sewell in the Navy.
 Gordon, John 25th Regt. Mass. now at Annapolis.
 Gill, Nath'l 11th Regt. Mass., musician.
 Hale, Jno. 2d Regt. Co. E., now with Capt. Gill.
 Hale, Chas. E. fifer, 8th Regt. Co. B.
 Haley, Ira, 8th Regt. Co. B.
 Hall, Horace J. " "
 Hall, Edw'd F. " "
 Haines. Isaiah F. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Haines, Daniel D. Corp. 8th, Regt. Co. B.
 Hartnett, Dan'l P. 8th Regt., Co. B.
 Hartnett, Thos. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Hartnett. Michael. Navy.
 Hartnett, J. H. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Head, O. M. Adg't 8th Regt.
 Head, J. N. Serg. 2d Regt. Co. C.
 Hodgdon, S. S. 6th " " C.
 Huse, J. H. 2d " " E.
 Hibberd, E. W. 3d " Clerk.
 James, G. R. 3d " Co. D.
 Janvrin, G. N. Cobb's battery.
 Janvrin, J. E. Ast. Surg. 2d Regt.
 Julian, G. A. Cobb's batt. Mass.
 Keefe, Wm. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Kelley, D. G. 8th " " B.
 Kimball, G. A. in the Navy.
 Lamprey, S. Corp. 3d Regt. Co. B.
 Leavitt, E. A. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Leavitt, C. H. 4th " Mass.
 Leavitt, J. W. 3d " Co. B.
 Leavitt, A. J. " Mass.
 Leighton, J. A. Serg. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Lovering, E. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Manjoy, J. in the Navy.
 Marston, G. Col. 2d Regt.
 Marston, W. S. 3d Regt. Co. B.
 Marsh, A. F. 6th " " C.
 McNary T. fifer, 3d " " in a Manchester Co.
 McNeal, D. F. 19th Regt. Mass.
 Melvin, M. 8th, " Co. B.
 Morrill, W. H. 2d " Co. E.
 Murphy, J. 8th " " B.
 Merrill, A. 12th Regt. Mass. Co. E.
 Murphy, D. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Nason, P. F. clerk, 22d Mass. Regt. at Hall's Hill, Va.
 Nealey, B. in the Navy.
 Payson, T. K. drum major, 24th Regt. Mass.
 Payson, J. C. commissary department, 13th, Regt. Mass.
 Pearson, H. H. Capt. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Perkins, A. M. 2d. Lt., 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Pike, D. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Pickering, V. A. 2d Regt. Mass. Killed at Ball Bluff.
 Prescott, J. E. 3d Regt. Co. B.
 Reardon, M. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Robinson, J. B. 6th " " "
 Robinson, W. 2d " " E.
 Rock, J. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Rowell, J. Sergt. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Ryan, W. 6th, Regt. Co. C.
 Rundlett, F.—Navy.
 Senior, W. 3d Regt. Co. B.
 Smith, M. M. 6th Regt. Co. C.
 Smith, G. H. " " " "
 Smith, W. H. 1st Lt. 2d Regt. Co. E.
 Smith, C. clerk. 2d Regt.
 Smith, J. 3d Regt. Co. B.

Sleeper, W. H. 3d Regt. Co. B.	Tebbetts, W. V. B. 17th Regt.
Stacy, ——— Navy.	Mass.
Stevens, G. W. 6th " " C.	Veasey, W. G. Lt. Col. 3d Vt.
Staples, ——— Navy.	Regt.
Stone, D. in the navy, " Roebuck."	Watson, I. M. 1st Corp'l 3d
Stone, J. D. 3d Regt. Co. B.	Regt. Co. B.
Stockman, F. 6th, " " C.	Wainwright, W. in the Navy,
Sullivan J. jr. Medical Cadet,	"Keasarge."
St. Louis.	Warren, E. in the Navy.
Sullivan, P. W. 6th Regt. Co. C.	Weeks, Josh. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Swain, G. W. " " " "	Weeks, Jer. S. 3d " " B.
Swasey, W. 12th Regt. Mass.	Weeks, N. in the Navy.
Taylor, G. A. 2d, Regt. Co. E.	Weeks, H. 6th Regt. Co. C.
Tanner, J, " " " "	White, S. " " " "
Tebbetts, J. 8th " " B.	Whitehouse W.
Thing, G. E. 8th " " B.	Wilbur, J. E. Capt. 6th Regt.
Thing, J. H. 3d " " B.	Co. C.
Thing, G. H. 2d " " E.	Wyman, W. 4th Regt.
Thurston, J. O. 2d " " E.	Willey J. 12th Regt. Mass.,
Twilight, W. H. " " E.	Co. E.
now 1st L. Artillery, Mass.	Willey, Alfred 3d Regt. Me.
Tebbetts, F. L. 2nd Regt. Co. E.	Willey, H. " "
Tebbetts, J. P. "Macedonian."	Young, J. R. 8th Regt, Co. B.
	Young, C. W. " " " "

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